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AN INSTRUCTIVE LIFE.
The death of THURLOW WEED directs attention to a career which has in incentives to the young men of our day. Many of his fellow-citizens differ largely from him in sentiments cherished by him from early life. They do not share in that anti-masonic spirit which animated him at the outset of his public life, and which he retained, though latterly in more quiet ways, until the end of his life. They were not all identified with him in his political convictions.

But in general principles which made his life a commendable success most will agree. Like other foremost men of our history he began life in humble circumstances. He was employed as a cabin-boy in a blacksmith's shop. He learned the printer's trade while yet a boy. In the war of 1812 he served as a drummer, private and Quarter Master's Sergeant. While yet scarcely of age he became an Elton, in which capacity he served for many years, on different journals, most conspicuously on the Albany Evening Journal.

In the stormy political discussions and agitations which extended through a generation of years and culminated in the war of Rebellion Mr. WEED was an important factor, and exerted a large influence in the nomination and election of public officers—from State to National positions, from Governor to President. He appears to have been galled in his political life, not by a desire for personal elevation nor profit, but declining office himself, he sought rather the success of the men whom he believed would render best service to the principles of which he was a zealous advocate. At times he sacrificed his first choice of men; preferring the triumph of his party to that of an individual. He was a "power behind the throne." While ardently devoted to his party, he did not surrender his independent judgment, and would accept the defeat of his preferences without being soured to wards his associates.

He was the intimate associate and peer of SEWARD and GREENELEY. He rendered important service to the country, at home and abroad, during the civil war in our land. To the last, he maintained and manifested his interest in the affairs of state.

As one who by force of mind and with integrity of character earned a path of honorable success for himself, he is worthy of imitation; as a kind, generous-hearted man, he is to be commended. The new generation stepping into the arena of action will find much instruction in a careful study of the life of Mr. WEED and of all the grand lives identified with our Nation which are passing from earth; and reverently will unite in doing honor to their memory.

HIGH PRESSURE IN EDUCATION.

The high pressure of the present methods of education is attracting attention, and is rightly judged to be threatening serious results. Not only in large cities but in small towns earnest friends of our school system are doubting the wisdom of assigning so many studies to the young, and of requiring from them so many hours of study. Eight studies or more per day are rather more than the average mind of children can healthfully master! Five hours in the school room, with mind kept active in study or recitation, and two or three hours of application at home, would form a day's mental work for most men, and is too much for children.

It is true that a wise direction will guard against an undue amount of the different subjects. Yet the mind is kept at work almost uninterceptedly. The boy suffers less than the girl; because, as the ratio of marking generally exhibits, they do not give their earnest attention to the work which the others devote to this.

Could not some of the subjects be omitted? or, a longer time be devoted to the course of studies, and the same mental results be secured without the present dangers to health? If the present limited time is to be maintained, then it is a question whether all but practically useful subjects should not be eliminated from the list. Then, if any desire and are able to go forward, a more thorough course of study in higher branches—of language, of mathematics and philoso-

THE SPIRIT OF FREEDOM.
THANKSGIVING DISCOURSE BY THE REV. SAM'L W. DUFFIELD.

THE UNION SERVICES HELD IN THE PARK M. E. CHURCH ON THURSDAY LAST—THE PRINCIPLE OF LIBERTY MAINTAINED TO HAVE FIRST BEEN FULLY STATED BY JESUS CHRIST, AND FORSTERED SINCE THEN BY CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS.

Thanksgiving Day was appropriately observed in Bloomfield by a union-service held in the Methodist Church. The congregation was composed from the four churches whose pastors took part in the exercises—the two Presbyterians, the Methodist and the Baptist. An audience of more formal and the presence of a great party taken from the hands of its best and most influential thinkers. We have seen and used shamelessly for the requirement of private ends. We have seen and heard the sneers of those who predicted an impending disaster. And the party which controlled—as it fancied—all the machinery of success has been visibilized and ignominiously defeated. In much of this we can trace the hands of our friends. And, standing at this Thanksgiving Day of 1882, it is not a cause of grief, but a cause of gladness, that Christian fellowship has proved superior to the reign of the "bosses," has emancipated itself in a direct vote and has risen superior to party when patriotism was fallen in the streets."

The speaker closed with an earnest appeal for individual devotion to the continued work for the welfare of the Nation's progress in good. "The work of the Nation does not cease with time. The duty of the citizen does not end with his years. But, far-forward and beyond our present station, the crown is high raised for the first Christian people who have grace to gain it. And then, in that 'all heaven,' when the Kingdom of God is established in heaven and on earth, the Christian church shall see the fulfillment of the purposes of the Prince of Peace, and then, at last and truly one may say: 'Vox populi, vox dei!—The voice of the People is the voice of God!'

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WEDNESDAY IN A BRIGHT ASPECT.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given at the First Presbyterian Church on Thanksgiving Day by the Rev. Mr. Ballantine, gave voice to a thankfulness which comprised general, social, religious and personal benefits, recognized and shared by all. The sermon, by the Rev. S. W. Duffield, of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, was an aide production, preached in a spirited and effective manner. It was comprehensive in matter and concise in words. The subject of the discourse was "Christian Citizenship" and was based upon the words Acts xxi: 28: "And the chief captain answered him, 'With a great sum obtained I this freedom.' And Paul said, 'But I was born free!'

The sermon opened with a reference to Cicero's masterly description of Virtues, who had headed the earnest cry of Verus, "I am a Roman citizen," and had put his to a shameful death. The climax of the address of the Roman orator was reached in the use of that unfeigned irony. Roman citizenship was to be increasingly recognized, and new additional auditors would have been able to obtain entrance. Among the tabernacles were "Comin' Through the Rye," "Joan of Arc" and "The Artist's Dream," impersonated by Miss Letitia Bourne, Miss Maggie Clark, Walter Schouler and others, and these were presented in an admirable manner. Miss Gertrude Dodd, whose skill as an elocutionist is well known to Bloomfield people, gave a recitation, and a piano-solo, by Miss Seymour, elicited much applause. The sum of \$54.00 was added to the Society's treasury and the young ladies are deserving of great credit for having thus materially assisted the cause of charity and, at the same time, giving the members of the Church an occasion of very pleasant social intermingling and enjoyment.

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FAIR AND FESTIVAL FOR THE WATERS-SING M. E. CHURCH.

A fair and festival that has been held for several evenings past at the Wm. E. Elton factory, Waterford, for the benefit of the M. E. Church of the place, was closed last evening with a grand musical and literary entertainment, which was given by the following known talents: Mrs. Westcott, Harriet Law, Mrs. Fredericka, Messrs. Chas. and Wm. Martin and Chas. Clark. A novel feature was introduced in a song entitled "Sweet Orange" by Mrs. Fredericka throwing the fruit among the audience as she sang. A general rivalry was exhibited at the fair among the young men in voting for a hand-knit, known as "The Flock of Birds," which brought over \$100 and was secured by Miss Law. D. H. Edel was selected as auctioneer and began his work by disposing of two other hand-knit quilts, known as the "Album" and the "Lady of the West," which brought \$12.75. He then sold a large number of fancy articles and, at the same time, giving the members of the Church an occasion of very pleasant social intermingling and enjoyment.

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The sale of tickets will begin on Monday, Dec. 10, at Munn's Drug Store, Bloomfield, and at Baldwin's Drug Store, Montclair.

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Mr. Cyrus P. Pierson, architect, presents a building to be used as a grocery store, upon his lot adjoining Mr. Newton Ballantine's house in Broad Street. The building is cost of this place. After supper excellent music was furnished by two musicians for all who wished to dance, the festivities of the evening being also interspersed with songs, sing-a-long singing. All was much enjoyed by the merry company, who, after enjoying the happy and costly wedding presents presented to the happy couple and expressing their good wishes for their future welfare, paid their respects to their several homes.

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WEDDING DAY—AFTER THE BAPTISM.

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